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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

REF: 77 STATE 295598

1. I ACCEPT, WITHOUT REVISION, THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM. IN DOING SO, MY SENIOR STAFF AND I SHARE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS DOCUMENT HAS AS ITS CLEAR BACKDROP THE GENERAL GOALS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMBATTING TERRORISM, WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL U.S. EMBASSIES AND MISSIONS.

2. THE ONLY SPECIFIC COMMENT I WOULD MAKE CONCERNS THE SECOND TICK UNDER PARAGRAPH VII. NATURALLY THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIVE OF OVERCOMING BRITISH SKEPTICISM ON THE PROPOSED CODE TO PREVENT ILLICIT BUSINESS PRACTICES. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, WITH THE TACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE INJUNCTION "EMPHASIZE THAT IF THEY CONTINUE...." OUR OBJECTIVE THUS WILL BE TO MAKE THE ARGUMENT ON ITS MERITS WHILE AVOIDING ANY SUGGESTION OF THREAT WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING.

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3. FINALLY, I PLAN TO MEET WITH MY SENIOR COLLEAGUES AT LEAST ONCE EACH QUARTER TO REVIEW CAREFULLY THESE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. IF WE BELIEVE SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT IS NECESSARY, WE WILL OF COURSE BE IN TOUCH WITH WASHINGTON.

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